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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM :

[Redacted] *Ry*

SUBJECT : HSCA Security

1. Robert Morrison, Chief Security Officer/HSCA, advised me today that he will terminate his employment with HSCA on 15 December 1978 at the request of G. Robert Blakey, HSCA Chief Counsel and Staff Director, because of budget problems. In addition, Messrs. William Cross and Lance Svenson, the only other remaining security officers in the HSCA, will terminate their status on 18 December 1978 for the same reason. These terminations will leave the HSCA without a trained and experienced security staff.

2. Loss of these personnel presents us with a potentially dangerous situation. First, HSCA generated and classified transcripts of depositions which are stored in the custody of the HSCA security office may contain classified information derived from CIA information. As the CIA has been denied access to these transcripts, we can only speculate as to whether they contain such information. Second, HSCA generated contact reports and field interview reports are also stored in the custody of the HSCA security office. These reports may contain CIA derived material. Third, Xerox facility is within the custody of the HSCA security office. All documents to be copied must be reviewed by a security officer to determine if they contain classified material.

3. In addition to the safe storage facility under the custody of the HSCA security office, there are an estimated 50 separate safes scattered throughout the HSCA office space. These are not supposed to contain classified material. At the conclusion of the HSCA, however, these safes should be inventoried with HSCA to protect any properly classified items which may have slipped through this caveat.

4. I intend to discuss this situation with Blakey tomorrow.

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